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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

#### PORTLAND DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER W. WOERNER and MILDRED POWELL, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiffs,

v.

RONALD SAXTON, RODERICK C. WENDT, R. NEIL STUART, and JELD-WEN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP & RETIREMENT PLAN,

Defendants.

Case No.

# CLASS ACTION ALLEGATION COMPLAINT

(ERISA Violations: 29 U.S.C. §1054(g); 29

U.S.C. §1104)

Plaintiffs Christopher W. Woerner ("Woerner") and Mildred Powell ("Powell") (collectively,

"Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, bring this Complaint against

Defendants under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and, in support

thereof, state the following:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE** 

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted in this action pursuant to ERISA

Section 502(e), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e).

2. Venue is proper in this district by virtue of ERISA Section 502(e)(2), 29 U.S.C. §

1132(e)(2), and Sections 1391(b) and (c) of the Judicial Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), because

certain Defendants may be found in this district.

**PARTIES** 

**Plaintiffs** 

3. Woerner was a Jeld-Wen employee and was an ERISA participant of the Jeld-Wen

Employee Stock Ownership & Retirement Plan during the relevant period. Woerner left the

employment of Jeld-Wen in March 2009.

4. Powell was a Jeld-Wen employee and was an ERISA participant of the Jeld-Wen

Employee Stock Ownership & Retirement Plan during the relevant period. Powell left the

employment of Jeld-Wen in March 2009.

**Defendants** 

5. Defendant Jeld-Wen Employee Stock Ownership & Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is

an employee benefit plan within the meaning of ERISA Sections 3(3) and 3(2)(A), 29 U.S.C. §§

1002(3) and 1002(2)(A). It operates as a defined-contribution plan within the meaning of ERISA

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Section 3(35), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(35). It is designed to be an employee stock ownership plan

("ESOP") that meets the requirements of Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (the

"Code") and Section 54.4975-11 of the Regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury

that pertain to the Code. Jeld-Wen established the Plan purportedly for the exclusive benefit of, and

to provide retirement benefits for, employees of Jeld-Wen.

6. During the relevant period, Roderick C. Wendt was the President and Chief Executive

Officer of Jeld-Wen. Wendt is also a trustee, administrator, and fiduciary of the Plan. On information

and belief, Wendt resides or can be found in Portland, Oregon.

7. During the relevant period, Ronald Saxton was the Executive Vice President and

Chief Administrative Officer of Jeld-Wen. Saxton is also a trustee, administrator, and fiduciary of

the Plan. Saxton resides or can be found in Portland, Oregon.

8. During the relevant period, R. Neil Stuart ("Stuart") was the Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer of Jeld-Wen. Stuart is also a trustee, administrator, and fiduciary of the

Plan. Stuart resides or can be found in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS** 

9. The Plan promises that employer and employee contributions will be valued using

Jeld-Wen stock. Jeld-Wen stock is not publically traded, so pursuant to the terms of the Plan, its

value must be determined on an annual basis. (Exhibit A, Plan §§ 2.5 & 7.5.)

10. Participants build equity in the Plan by a combination of their own salary deferrals

("employee contributions") and Jeld-Wen's contributions ("employer contributions"). All of the

contributions are valued going forward using Jeld-Wen stock.

11. As alleged above, Plaintiffs are no longer employed with Jeld-Wen.

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12. The Plan allows an employee who has severed from service, but who has not yet

reached the age of 55, to take a distribution of the proceeds of their employee contributions. (Ex. A,

Plan § 10.4(b)(ii)(a).)

13. Severed employees under the age of 55 are not permitted to take distributions of the

proceeds of their employer contributions. (Ex. A, Plan § 10.4(b)(ii)(b).) These proceeds, under §

7.1(h), are accounts that "shall also be maintained for all former Participants who still have an

interest in the Plan." Once the employee reaches the age of 55, they are entitled to take a distribution

of the employer contributions to the Plan.

14. Under the Plan, as it existed prior to November 19, 2010, an employee's ESOP

account was valued at the time of his termination. The Plan provided:

§ 7.6 - <u>Valuation of Accounts Upon Termination</u>.

Should a Participant terminate employment, Retire, become Disabled or die, his Account shall be valued on the Valuation Date next preceding or coinciding with such occurrence, adjusted for (a) any payments to or withdrawals made by the Participants, (b) Company Stock released from the Suspense Account, and (c) Elective Deferrals made by the Participant and any Employer Contributions subsequent to the preceding Valuation Date. If the terminated participant's Account is not fully distributed to him or segregated prior to a subsequent Valuation Date, the valuation shall be made as provided

under Section 7.8 herein.

15. Under the Plan, as it existed prior to November 19, 2010, the accounts of severed

employees were held in the Plan, where they were credited with interest as follows:

§ 7.8(b) - Undistributed Accounts.

<u>Deferred Distribution</u>. If the time of distribution of the Participant's Account is deferred until after the last day of the Plan Year following the Plan Year during which the Participant's Separation From Service occurred, the value of the Participant's Account shall be the value of the Participant's

Account on the December 31 coinciding with or following the Participant's

Separation From Service. The Account shall be credited with interest at the Local Passbook Rate in effect for such year. The Account shall not be credited with any further contributions, Forfeitures, or for any appreciation or depreciation in the value of Company Stock held by the Trust after the December 31 Valuation Date used to value the Account.

16. "Local Passbook Rate," for the purposes of § 7.8(b), "shall mean the Wells Fargo

Bank passbook rate of interest credited from time to time to savings accounts; however, the

minimum rate shall be 3% and the maximum rate shall be 5%." (Ex. A, Plan § 2.40.)

17. Since Woerner and Powell had not yet reached 55 at the time of their severance from

service, the Plan maintained the proceeds from their employer contributions, valued in cash, and

credited it with approximately 3% annually. This continued until 2010.

18. In fact, Woerner, Powell, and the Class were explicitly prohibited by the Plan from

continued participation in the Plan:

§ 9.4 - Separation From Service.

If a Participant shall Separate From Service for any reason other than those specified in the preceding Sections of this Section 9, participation in the Plan shall cease, and the Participant's Plan Benefit shall be distributed pursuant to

the provisions of Section 10 of the Plan.

19. Since Woerner, Powell, and the Class were not allowed to participate in the Plan, they

were required to wait for years, until they reached the age of 55, to recover all of their promised

employer contributions.

The November 19, 2010 Amendment

20. On November 19, 2010, Jeld-Wen amended the Plan. (Exhibit B, Plan Amendment.)

21. The amendment eliminated the provisions that allowed employer contributions of

terminated employees to be held in the Plan and receive interest at the Local Passbook Rate. (Ex. B,

Amendment §§ 2.40 & 7.8.)

22. The amendment had the effect of taking terminated employees' accounts and

revaluing them with, or reinvesting them in, Jeld-Wen stock. (Ex. B, Amendment § 7.8.)

23. This amendment was made retroactive to January 1, 2010.

24. As a result of the amendment, Woerner's and Powell's accounts were revalued and/or

invested using the balance as of January 1, 2010.

25. As a result of the amendment, interest was deleted from Woerner's and Powell's

accounts.

26. Additionally, as a result of the amendment, Woerner's and Powell's accounts were

revalued and/or reinvested using the outdated January 1, 2010, value of \$417 per share, instead of the

value as of November 19, 2010, which would have been lower.

27. By November 19, 2010, it was evident that Jeld-Wen stock had declined in value

since January 1, 2010. In fact, less than six weeks later, the stock was valued at \$364 per share.

28. This drop in value of Jeld-Wen stock was foreseeable because the stock had been in a

free fall since 2007. At the end of 2007, the stock was valued at \$746 per share. By the end of the

following year, its value fell to \$507 per share. It continued its slide in 2009, falling to \$417 by

year's end. This continued through at least the end of 2010, when it reached \$364 per share. In all,

the stock's value fell over 51% since 2007.

29. As a result of the retroactive revaluation and/or investment, Plaintiffs' accounts lost

tens of thousands of dollars.

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30. Additionally, in 2010, Woerner and Powell were charged, respectively, a 1%

administrative fee, which they otherwise would not have borne had they remained earning passbook

interest.

31. On information and belief, this fee was charged to all Plan participants in 2010.

32. On information and belief, the total fees charged to all Plan participants in 2011

exceeded \$3.65 million. These fees grossly exceeded actual expenses of the Plan in 2010 which,

according to the Form 5500 filed by the Plan, were \$256,146. In other word, the participants were

charged fees that were over 14 times the actual expenses.

33. On information and belief, in 2011, the Plan charged participants fees of

approximately 6.7%.

34. On information and belief, the total fees charged to Plan participants in 2011 were

almost \$10.2 million. These fees grossly exceeded actual expenses of the Plan in 2011, which,

according to the Form 5500 filed by the Plan, were \$42,096. In other word, the participants were

charged fees that were over 240 times the actual expenses.

35. Defendants did not provide timely notice to participants of the amendment in a

manner calculated to be understood by the average plan participant and did not timely provide

sufficient information to allow applicable individuals to understand the effect of the plan

amendment.

Administration of the Plan

36. During the relevant time period, Defendants Wendt, Saxton, and Stuart were the

administrators of the Plan.

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37. During the relevant time period, Defendants Wendt, Saxton, and Stuart were also the

Trustees of the Plan.

38. During the relevant time period, Defendant Wendt was the President and Chief

Executive Officer of Jeld-Wen.

39. During the relevant time period, Defendant Saxton was the Executive Vice President

and Chief Administrative Officer of Jeld-Wen.

40. During the relevant time period, Defendant Stuart was the Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer of Jeld-Wen.

41. The individual Defendants (Wendt, Saxton, and Stuart) were intimately acquainted

with the ongoing financial condition of Jeld-Wen by virtue of their positions as officers and directors

of Jeld-Wen.

42. The individual Defendants knew that Jeld-Wen shares were worth less than \$417

on November 19, 2010, but either invested or valued severed employees' accounts using this

outdated, retroactive value for the stock.

**CLASS-ACTION ALLEGATIONS** 

43. Pursuant to Rule 23, Fed. R. Civ. P., Woerner brings this action, as it pertains to the

claims asserted in Counts I-III and V, on behalf of himself and a Class of:

All participants in the Jeld-Wen Employee Stock Ownership & Retirement Plan, who severed from service prior to January 1, 2010,

whose accounts were valued after their severance, but were

subsequently revalued using Jeld-Wen stock by virtue of the

November 19, 2010, amendment to the Plan. (the "Terminated

Class").

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44. Powell brings this action, as it pertains to the claim asserted in Count IV, on behalf of

herself and a second Class of:

All participants in the Jeld-Wen Employee Stock Ownership &

Retirement Plan who, beginning in 2010, were charged fees by the

Plan. (the "Expense Class").

45. While exact number of class members is unknown, Plaintiffs believe there are

hundreds of individuals who would fall within the Class definitions. The Class is sufficiently

numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Class members are dispersed across the

United States, and, although the benefits due are significant to them, the amounts are too small to

warrant individual lawsuits. In addition, hundreds of individual suits would impose an undue burden

on the courts.

46. Common questions of law and fact exist, including the following, as to the

**Terminated Class:** 

a. whether the revaluation violated ERISA's and/or the Plan's anti-cutback

provisions;

b. whether Defendants violated ERISA § 204(h);

c. whether Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by valuing and/or

investing the accounts of former employees retroactively in Jeld-Wen stock,

which had already declined in value;

d. whether Defendants breached their fiduciary duties and violated the terms of

the Plan by forcing the Class to participate in the ESOP; and

e. whether Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by investing and/or

valuing the accounts of Plaintiffs and Class members with Jeld-Wen stock.

47. Common questions of law and fact exist, including the following, as to the

Expense Class:

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a. whether Defendants' breached their fiduciary duties of loyalty, prudence

and care when assessing fees that grossly exceeded expenses.

48. The only individual question affecting members of either the Terminated or Expense

Classes are the precise amount to which each Class member is entitled. The Terminated Class can be

determined simply by calculating the difference between the accounts using the Passbook Saving

Rate and Jeld-Wen stock. The Expense Class can be determined simply by calculating the amount of

fee charged in excess of the actual expenses.

49. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the other Class members because their

accounts were revalued using Jeld-Wen stock and he was charged excessive fees.

50. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiffs'

interests are identical to the interests of the other Class members.

51. A class action is appropriate under Rule 23(b)(1) because the prosecution of separate

actions by individual Class members of either Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying

adjudications, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants or

adjudications as to individual Class members that would affect the interests of other Class members

not parties to the adjudications.

52. A class action is appropriate under Rule 23(b)(2) because Defendants have acted or

refused to act on grounds generally applicable to both Classes, making appropriate final injunctive

relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Classes.

53. A class action is appropriate under Rule 23(b)(3) because common questions of law

or fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is

superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this case.

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54. Proposed Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.

Counsel has thoroughly identified and investigated potential claims in this action by consulting with

Plaintiffs, by reviewing the Plan documents and Plaintiffs' claims for benefits, and by researching

the relevant provisions of ERISA and the caselaw interpreting those provisions. They have

significant experience in class-action litigation and have been lead counsel or co-counsel in several

successful ERISA class actions. Counsel is willing and able to devote sufficient resources to

representing the Class.

**COUNT I** 

Violation of ERISA § 204(g) – Against the Plan

55. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate the allegations contained in the forgoing paragraphs

as if fully set forth herein.

56. This count is brought pursuant to ERISA § 502(a)(1)(B).

57. ERISA § 204(g) and the Plan prohibit amendments that reduce a vested account of a

participant.

58. The amendment at issue here did not change an investment type, but switched

valuation methods from a fixed dollar amount to a floating valuation tied to Jeld-Wen stock.

59. This is a valuation issue, as opposed to investment, because the Plan has always, even

after the amendment, prohibited employees who separated from service (other than retirement) from

continued participation in the ESOP.

60. Prior to the Plan amendment, Woerner's and Powell's vested accounts had been

valued at a set dollar amount and would be credited interest at a fixed percentage.

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61. The November 19, 2010, amendment to the Plan, which occurred after Woerner's

and Powell's, and the Class members' benefits had vested and accrued, diminished Plaintiffs' and

the Class members' accrued pension benefits by revaluing, as of January 1, 2010, their accounts

using Jeld-Wen stock. This revaluation continued annually.

62. The amendment violated ERISA § 204(g) and the Plan by diminishing the value of

the Plan accounts and eliminating guaranteed interest.

63. The amendment also violated ERISA § 204(g) by eliminating 10.5 months' worth of

passbook interest the Class had earned prior to the amendment, as well as using an outdated and

inflated stock price.

64. As a result of the Plan's action, Plaintiffs and the Class suffered damages, including

the loss of substantial sums of money to which they had earned and become entitled.

**COUNT II** 

Violation of ERISA § 404(a)(1)(D) – Against the Individual Defendants

65. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate the allegations contained in the forgoing paragraphs

as if fully set forth herein.

66. This count is brought pursuant to ERISA § 502(a)(2).

67. The November 19, 2010 amendment resulted in an unlawful cutback of accrued

benefits under ERISA § 204(g).

68. Despite ERISA's prohibition, the individual Defendants nonetheless applied the

amendment which resulted in an unlawful cutback.

69. The individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA by failing to

discharge their duties with respect to the Plan solely in the interest of the participants and

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beneficiaries. By administering the Plan to allow cutbacks of accrued benefits, in violation of ERISA

§ 204(g), the individual Defendants violated ERISA § 404(a)(1)(D), 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(D), by

causing and/or permitting the Plan act inconsistently with ERISA.

70. As a result, the Plan immediately lost approximately 15% of the value of its severed

employees' accounts, including Plaintiffs' accounts.

**COUNT III** 

Violation of ERISA § 404(a)(1)(A) & (B) – Against the Individual Defendants

71. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate the allegations contained in the forgoing paragraphs

as if fully set forth herein.

72. This count is brought pursuant to ERISA § 502(a)(2).

73. This count is pled in the alternative to Counts I and II because if the amendment could

be construed as an investment, the individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by making a

retroactive investment of Woerner's, Powell's, and the Class members' accounts into Jeld-Wen

stock.

74. This count is further pled in the alternative because if the amendment could be

construed as a valuation method, the individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by

valuing the accounts of Class members using an outdated and inflated price for Jeld-Wen stock.

75. The amendment was passed on November 19, 2010. Jeld-Wen stock had been in a

free fall since 2007.

76. The individual Defendants knew on November 19, 2010, by virtue of their positions

as officers and directors of Jeld-Wen, that the stock's value had fallen since the beginning of 2010.

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77. The Plan grants discretion to the individual Defendants on the timing of purchases of

Jeld-Wen stock:

12.6 Purchases and Sales of Company Stock.

Company Stock may be purchased, sold and resold from and to any person, including the Company. The Administrator shall direct the

Trustee with respect to the purchase and sale of Company Stock by the Plan and the terms and conditions for such purchase or sale.

The Trustee will make purchases of Company stock at a price, or at

prices, which, in the judgment of the Administrator, do not exceed the fair market value of such Company Stock . . . The determination of

fair market value of Company Stock for all purposes under the Plan

shall be made by a qualified independent appraisal pursuant to

Section 7.3.

78. On information and belief, the value of Jeld-Wen stock is determined after the close

of each calendar year.

79. Rather than seek a current value for Jeld-Wen stock when the amendment was passed

on November 19, 2010, the individual Defendants purchased shares and/or valued accounts using the

January 1, 2010, price for Jeld-Wen stock.

80. The individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA by failing to

discharge their duties with respect to the Plan solely in the interest of the participants and

beneficiaries (1) for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their

beneficiaries; and (2) with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstance then

prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in

the conduct of an enterprise of like character and like aims, all in violation of ERISA § 404(a)(1)(A)

and (B), 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(A) and (B), by causing and/or permitting the Plan to purchase stock

and/or value accounts using an outdated valuation.

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81. The individual Defendants further breached their fiduciary duties by purchasing stock

and/or valuing accounts at the January 1, 2010, price because they knew, from their high ranking

positions in Jeld-Wen, that the stock value had declined significantly as of November 19, 2010.

82. As a result, the Plan immediately lost approximately 15% of the value of its severed

employees' accounts.

**COUNT IV** 

Violation of ERISA § 404(a)(1)(A) & (B) – Against the Individual Defendants

83. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate the allegations contained in the forgoing paragraphs

as if fully set forth herein.

84. This count is brought pursuant to ERISA § 502(a)(2).

85. After the November 19, 2010 amendment, Woerner and Powell were charged an

administrative fee of 1% their account balances.

86. If this 1% expense fee was charged to every account in the Plan, the Plan would have

collected over \$3.65 million from individuals' account in 2010 alone.

87. The actual expenses for the Plan in 2010 totaled \$265,146. In other words,

individuals' Plan accounts were charged fees that were over fourteen times greater than the actual

expenses.

On information and belief, in 2011, the Plan charged participants fees of 88.

approximately 6.7%

89. On information and belief, the total fees charged to Plan participants in 2011 were

almost \$10.2 million. These fees grossly exceeded actual expenses of the Plan in 2011 which,

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according to the Form 5500 filed by the Plan, were \$42,096. In other word, the participants were

charged fees that were over 240 times the actual expenses.

90. The individual Defendants are required to set fees to meet actual Plan expenses.

91. The individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA by failing to

discharge their duties with respect to the Plan solely in the interest of the participants and

beneficiaries (1) defraying the reasonable expenses of administering the Plan; and (2) with the care,

skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstance then prevailing that a prudent person acting in

a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like

character and like aims, all in violation of ERISA § 404(a)(1)(A) and (B), 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(A)

and (B), by charging grossly excessive fees to individuals' Plan accounts and/or failing to investigate

lower cost alternatives.

92. As a result, the Plan accounts, including Woerner's and Powell's accounts, were

drained by charging fees grossly in excess of actual or reasonable expenses.

**COUNT V** 

Violation of ERISA § 204(h) – Against All Defendants

93. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate the allegations contained in the forgoing paragraphs

as if fully set forth herein.

94. This count is brought pursuant to ERISA §§ 204(h) and 502(a)(3).

95. Under ERISA § 204(h), 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(1), "[a]n applicable pension plan may

not be amended so as to provide for a significant reduction in the rate of future benefit accrual unless

the plan administrator provides the notice described in paragraph (2) to each applicable individual...

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96. The Plan is an "applicable pension plan" because it is "an individual account plan

which is subject to the funding standards of section 412 of Title 26." 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(8)(B)(ii).

A plan is subject to the funding standards of 26 U.S.C. § 412 if, with limited exceptions, it

"include[s] a trust which qualified (or was determined by the Secretary to have qualified) under

section 401(a)" of the Internal Revenue Code. 26 U.S.C. § 412(e)(1). The Plan is "designed to

qualify under Code section 401(a)." (Plan § 1.2.) In the alternative, the Plan is an "applicable pension

plan" because it is a "defined benefit plan" in that severed employees' accounts were credited with

interest. 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(8)(B)(i).

97. The elimination of the provision that Plaintiff's "account shall be credited with

interest" in the November 2010 amendment constituted a significant reduction in the rate of future

benefit accrual. See 26 C.F.R. § 54.4980F–1(A-6) ("[A]n amendment to an individual account plan

reduces the rate of future benefit accrual" where it "is reasonably expected that the amendment will

reduce the amount of contributions or forfeitures allocated for any future year."). Therefore, the

notice prescribed by 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(2) was required.

98. Notice under § 1054(h)(2) must be "written in a manner calculated to be understood

by the average plan participant" and "provide sufficient information (as determined in accordance

with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the treasury) to allow applicable individuals to

understand the effect of the plan amendment." 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(2).

99. The statute requires the notice to be "provided within a reasonable time before the

effective date of the plan amendment." 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(3).

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100. Treasury regulations specify that the reasonable time for notice under these

circumstances would be "at least 45 days before the effective date" of the amendment. 26 C.F.R. §

54.4980F-1(A-9).

101. If an employer fails to provide a required Section 204(h) notice and the failure is

"egregious," applicable individuals are entitled to the greater of "(i) the benefits to which they would

have been entitled without regard to such amendment, or (ii) the benefits under the plan with regard

to such amendment." 29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(6)(A).

102. An "egregious" failure is one where the failure is "within the control of the plan

sponsor" and is, either (i) "an intentional failure," (ii) "a failure to provide most of the individuals

with most of the information they are entitled to receive under this subsection," or (iii) "a failure

which is determined to be egregious under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

29 U.S.C. § 1054(h)(6)(B).

103. Defendants' failure to provide notice of the amendment here was "egregious."

104. Therefore, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to the greater of their benefits prior to

the amendment or post-amendment.

105. In the alternative, if Defendants' failure to provide notice was non-egregious, treasury

regulations make clear that Plaintiffs may still have "recourse under section 502 of ERISA." 26

C.F.R. § 54.4980F–1(A-13). Plaintiffs therefore seek the same relief under ERISA § 502(a)(3) as is

afforded for an egregious failure.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Woerner and Powell, on behalf of themselves and the Class, requests that the

Court:

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- (A) enter judgment and award damages pursuant to ERISA Section 502(a)(1)(B), 29 U.S.C. § 1102(a)(1)(B), as to the Plan's violation of the anti-cutback rules;
- (B) enter judgment, strike the amendment, and award damages pursuant to ERISA Section 204(h);
- (C) enter judgment and award damages pursuant to ERISA Section 502(a)(2), 29 U.S.C. §1102(a)(2), as to the individual Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties;
- (D) award injunctive relief for an equitable accounting, hire independent party to investigate fees, and any other appropriate equitable relief under ERISA § 502(a)(3);
- (E) award Plaintiffs and the Class their expenses, costs, expert witness fees, and attorney fees, as well as compound pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and
- (F) grant such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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